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SUBJECT: ECE-INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE-JANUARY 31, 1974 (AM)

1. ITEM 10. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EXPEDITIOUS WORK ON REVISION OF T.I.R. CONVENTION, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPERT GROUP (DUQUESNE) SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HOLD REVISION CONFERENCE RATHER THAN FOLLOW AMENDMENT ROUTE. ONCE REVISED TEXT COMPLETED, PARTIES URGED TO PUT INTO FORCE EVEN PRIOR TO FORMAL APPROVAL BY CONFERENCE AND RATIFICATION.

2. ITEM 14. NETHERLANDS DEL RAISED AND USDEL SUPPORTED VIEW THAT ECE SHOULD INTERVENE WITH UN TO ASSURE THAT UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION SCHEDULE FOR DECISION ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARD CLASSIFICATION SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF FINAL TEXT BY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT STATISTICS. RECOMMENDATION TO ECE APRIL PLENARY THIS EFFECT WILL BE MADE BY ITC. USDEL RAISED DESIRABILITY GROUP OF EXPERTS GIVING CONSIDERATION ON NEXT AGENDA TO STATISTICS ON TRANSPORT ASPECTS OF GENERAL PROBLEMS ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, TO ASSURE ITC MEMBERS HAVE APPROPRIATE STATISTICAL SUPPORT
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FOR QUESTIONS LIKEKLY TO ARISE ON THIS AREA OVER FAIRLY

LONG FUTURE TERM. ITC AGREED THIS BE INCLUDED GROUP OF EXPERTS SET OF TASKS. TRANSPORT DIVISION DIRECTOR WILL CONSULT WITH ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT OFFICIALS ECE SECRETARIAT PRIOR NEXT GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING TO GET INFORMATION PERMITTING GROUP OF EXPERTS TO MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT REDUNDANCY.

3. ITEM 15. USDEL HAD ASCERTAINED AHEAD THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS WOULD OPPOSE DROPPING THIS AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE BECAUSE, DESPITE DOLDRUMS OF RECENT PAST, RENEWED ACTIVITY WAS DESIRED. ACCORDINGLY, USDEL DID NOT TAKE LINE OF POSITION PAPER THIS ITEM. RESULT OF DISCUSSION WAS INSTRUCTION TO SECRETARIAT TO ACTIVATE EXCHANGES THIS SUBJECT AND BRING CURRENT EUROPEAN RESEARCH TO ATTENTION ITC FOR POSSIBLE ACTION BY GROUP OF EXPERTS, AND ON TRANSPORT ECONOMIES, INSTRUCTION TO SECRETARIAT TO PROVIDE EXPANDED REPORT NEXT YEAR, COVERING OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN DETAIL, PARTICULARLY E.C.M.T.

4. ITEMS 16 AND 17. WORK PROGRAM (TRANS/517) AND MEETING SCHEDULE (TRANS/516) APPROVED WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES.

5. ITEM 18. NO CHANGE IN PROCEDURE ON DISTRIBUTION ITC DOCUMENTS. UK DEL RAISED TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS: DELAY IN RECEIVING DOCUMENTS, AND POSSIBLE ROLE FOR ITC IN PRESS RELEASES IN ITS MEETINGS. (PRESS RELEASE LAST YEAR APPARENTLY CAUSED UK DOMESTIC EMBARRASSMENT). BOTH POINTS SPARKED STONG SECRETARIAT DEFENSE OF ITS PROCEDURES AND NEITHER PRODUCED ANY CONCRETE NEW ARRANGEMENTS. ON DOCUMENTATION, ALL AGREED TO TRY HARDER (AND DELEGATIONS TO KEEP PAPERS SHORTER). ON PRESS RELEASES, WHILE PRIOR ITC APPROVAL OF RELEASES CONCERNING ITS MEETINGS APPEARED TOTALLY IMPRACTICABLE, SECRETARIAT UNDERTOOK TO STAY CLOSE TO THE LANGUAGE OF ITC REPORT IN DEVELOPING PRESS MATERIAL AND TO WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS ITC MIGHT HAVE AS TO HOW VARIOUS ITEMS TO BE TREATED. BASSIN

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